

**Amendments to the Specification**

*Please replace Abstract paragraph as shown:*

~~The strength of adhesion between two layers (1,2) is evaluated by applying a series of laser shocks directly to the surface of one (1) of the layers. Adhesion strength is determined based on the wavelength ( $\lambda_2$ ) and energy ( $\epsilon_2$ ) of the laser pulse (L2) creating the shock which causes rupture of the interface (3) between the two layers (1,2).~~

Ref. Fig.1b

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